THE DEMOCRAT.

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CAPE GIRARDEAU. . MISSOURL

THE work of naval construction and armament is being pushed by the Spanish government with the greatest activity at the Ferroll dock-yard.

SIR RICHARD JAMES REED, the eminent English naval expert, writes to the London Times, expressing the opinion that the Maine could be refloated for a tithe of her cost.

THE unsuccessful attempt to assassinate King George of Greece has given CURRENT TOPICS. that monarch an opportunity to see himself as others see him, and the picture is not an unpleasant one, either.

WILLIAM M. SINGERLY, proprietor of the Philadelphia Record, died at his home in that city, on the 27th, after an illness of only a few days. He was one of the leading business men of that

AMERICANS in Cuba think that if war comes it will not be through the usual channels of courtly procedure, but will be precipiteted by some overt act that will require short notice and quick ac-

THE president is now said to incline to the belief that the responsibility for the destruction of the Maine rests upon Spain, but that force will have to be used to induce that nation to accept the responsibility.

THE Spanish government will invite tenders for the monopoly of the import and export, refining and sale of petroleum and other mineral oils. The monopoly, it is said, will be sold at auction on the 28th.

THE Italian claim against Hayti has been settled by Hayti paying the full amount demanded, and the French government is now pressing a claim for damages for violation of the treaty rights of French citizens.

FAILURES throughout the country, as reported by Dun & Co., for the week ended on the 25th, were 233, against 296 for the corresponding week last year. For Canada the failures were 30, against 50 for the corresponding week last

The secretary of the treasury, on the 1st, received, through the British ambassador, information that the Canadian government would hereafter allow American vessels to carry merchandise from one port in Canada to another.

THE steamer Mascotte, of the Plant line, will make its first trip, March 5, from Port Tampa, Fla., to Port Antonio, Jamaica, touching at Key West. The time between Port Tampa and Jamaica is about 60 hours. The line is to be permanent.

MAJ. E. J. PECK, deputy internal revenue collector for the Fort Scott distriet of Kansas, died at his home in Fort Scott, on the 25th, as the result of a stroke of paralysis. Maj. Peck was 65 years old. He served in a Wisconsin regiment during the war.

THE navy department, on the 24th, gave out the figures showing the and Daniel Noute. Farando and Noute strength of the naval militia up to are fatally wounded. All the injured date, placing the total force at 4,445 persons are relatives. officers and enlisted men. This is a gratifying increase from the 3,703 shown by the last report.

A BILL was introduced, on the 25th, by Representative Bull, of Rhode Island, to increase the strength of the naval militia. It provides for the construe- dent of the United States, while cajoition of 20 torpedo boats of 150 tons each, at a cost not exceeding \$3,500,000, for the use of the naval militia.

In diplomatic circles in Washington it is said that the reports that war is imminent between Chili and the Argentine Republic are not well founded, but that, on the contrary, arbitration by the British government has been agreed upon as a means of settlement of differences.

The last rites over the body of Frances E. Willard, president of the Woman's Christian Temperance union, were performed at Evanston, Ill., on the 24th. The city was in mourning, schools and business houses being closed, and flags at half-mast out of respect for the dead temperance leader.

THE Chicago Press club met, on the 28th, and passed resolutions commendatory of MM. Zola and Perreux, and denunciatory of the course of the French government in its summary suppression of free thought, free speech and free publication as unworthy of a great nation.

*THE weekly statement of the New York associated banks for the week ended on the 26th showed the following changes: Surplus reserve, decrease, \$2,-729,125; Ioans, decrease, \$5,036,800; specie, încrease, \$2,325,700; legal tenders, decrease, \$7,418,400; deposits, decrease, \$9.346,300; circulation, decrease, \$50,400.

THE London Daily News says: "Spain can expect no support, moral or otherwise, from England against the United States. She has ruined Cuba, as she has ruined or lost every other colony, by the grossest corruption, cruelty and maladministration, and she must be left to settle the account with those whom it may concern without any aid or sympathy on our part."

SENOR SAGASTA, on the 27th, commenting upon an alleged interview with Prince Bismarck, in which the latter is represented as suggesting that the Cuban trouble should be submitted quirements of the 25-per-cent, rule on to the powers for arbitration, exto the powers for arbitration, expressed his astonishment that such an idea could emanate from Prince Bismarek, and declared emphatically that nothing but ignorance of the question could inspire the notion that Spain would suffer foreign intrusion, or submit to arbitration in her indisouta- Omaha (Neb.) exposition will be reble rights of sovereignty."

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THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

In the senate, on the 21th, an effort was made to secure consideration of the Alaskan home-stend and railway right-of-way bill, but it went over on a technicality. The feature of the day's proceedings was the speech of Mr. Spooner (Wis.) on the right of Henry W. Corbett to a seat in the senate from Oregon under appointment of the governor, which was not concluded when the senate adjourned. ... In the house the sundry civil appropriations bill was further considered. An amendment offered by Mr. Sayers, to increase the epidemic fund by \$200,000

In the senate, on the 5th, the case of Mr. Corbett, appointed to the senate by the gov-ernor of Oregon, was further discussed. A bill permitting the building of a dam between Coon Rapids and the northern limits of Minnesota was passed. At 5:15 the senate went into executive session, and ten minutes later adourned In the house, the sandry civil appropriations bill was further considered, the item appropriating \$4,0,000 for the San Pedro harbor being passed.

In the senate, on the 26th, the discusthe right of Henry W. Corbett to a seat in the senate from the state of Oregon occupied most of the session, and ended in an agreement that a vote be taken on the 28th at 3 p. m. The pension calendar was cleared by the passage of several private pension bills. A few bills of a general character were also passed In the house consideration of the sundry civil appro-priations bill excupied the time to the excluston of other business, notably the bill for the robet of the victims and survivors of the Maine disaster. Amendments appropriating \$300,000 for Cleveland harbor, \$200,000 for Wilmington. Del., and increasing the appropriation for Hoston harbor from \$100,000 to \$250,000, were

In the senate, on the 28th, Hon Henry W. 'orbett was, by the decisive vote of 50 to 19. denied admission as a senator from Oregon on appointment by the governor. The senate then took up the Alaskan homestead and railway right-of-way bill In the house after climinating the appropriation for representaion at the Paris exposition, on a point of order, the sundry civil appropriations bill was passed, after which several bills of minor im-

portance were disposed of. In the senate, on the 1st, a favorable report ras made upon Mr. Bacon's resolution providng for the erection of a broaze memorial tab-et commemorative of the officers and saliors who lost their lives in the Maine disaster in Havana harbor. A motion that the senate disagree to the house amendments to the bankuptcy bill was made and discussed. Alaska homestead and right-of-way bill was laid before the senate and discussion of the same was continued until 3:25 p. m., when the emate went into secret session and soon after adjourned...... In the house the business of ab-orbing interest was the discussion of the Loud oill relating to second-class mail matter, its author giving notice of an amendment permit-ting the transmission, at pound rates, of sample copies up to ten per cent, of the bona fide circulation of the newspaper or periodical.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

AT Coalburg Blocks, O., on the 25th, Angelo Will shot Martha Lawrence, Joseph Farando, Mrs. Peter Farando

WM. F. CLARKSON, foreman of the rolling-room at the United States branch mint in San Francisco, was arrested, on the 25th, on a charge of stealing gold bullion.

THE Madrid Imparcial (Senor Canalejas' paper) declares that the presiing Spain with words, sharpens his dagger to stab her from behind, and winds up by asking: "How long will the agonized nation tolerate the inconceivable apathy of the government?"

The safe of Paymaster Ray of the Mgine, which contains, besides many valuable documents, about \$23,000 in cash, was recovered on the 25th. It was carried on board of the Right Arm, and the water poured out of it. The safe was discovered with great diffleulty, because it had been moved from its regular position in the ship by the

THE United States erniser Minneapois, one of the swiftest craft that plows the sea, looking magnificent in her new coat of paint and her powerful guns, is lying alongside the receiving ship Richmond, at Philadelphia, and is ready to

go to sea at a moment's notice. THE Steamer South Coast cleared for Alaska, on the 27th, with 35 passengers, 300 tons of freight and 60 horses from Tacoma.

For the first time in this administration the question of arming and lighting to sustain the honor of the country was considered by the cabinet on the 25th. The president and the cabinet were of one mind, that the course toward Spain must be firm, and that, if war was threatened, it should not be avoided at the expense of honor.

A sollo train load of mileh cows and mules consigned to Cuba left Fort Scott, Kas., on the 25th, on an extraordinary fast schedule. The train consisted of 11 cars, and it is said the cows were going to Havana to supply the Spanish officers and hospitals.

The Pekin government has agreed to open Yuen-Chau, on Lake Tung-Ting Tuas, as a treaty port, but declines to entertain a proposal tending to the abolition of the jikine dues.

THE house committee on patents, on the 26th, favorably reported the Corliss bill extending the trade mark privileges to casks, bottles and recepta-

THE associated banks of New York city held \$22,959,235 in excess of the re-

It has at last been established that both the Indians cremated at Maude, I. T., for the murder of Mrs. Laird, were innocent of the crime.

It has been decided to extend the time when applications for space at the European power will assist Spain in ceived until March 15-

MRS. GEORGE DAVIDSON, aged 28, lett her home at St. Joseph, Mich., at midnight of the 27th, clad in a night dress, with her two-weeks'-old babe in her arms, with which she jumped into the river. The mother's body was recovered at daybreak, but the body of the baby was carried out into the lake. Insanity caused the deed

THE navy department, on the 28th, received a telegram from Key West, Fla., officially stating that the Maine court of inquiry must return to Havana to seeme evidence from divers.

MRS, VANDERVEER DE HART, widow of Capt. W. C. De Hart, who was chief of staff for Gen. Winfield Scott in the Mexican war, died at her home at Elizabeth, N. J., on the 25th, in her eighty-

GEORGE R. COLTON, of York, Neb., was, on the 28th, appointed bank examiner in Nebraska, vice Howie, resigned.

THE remains of W. C. Ferris, the designer and builder of the great wheel which bears his name, lie in pawn at a Pittsburgle (Pa.) crematory for unpaid funeral expenses.

QUEEN WILHELMINA of Holland has bestowed on Capt, William G. Randle of the American liner St. Louis the honor of knighthood in the order of Orange-Nassau for the part he took in the rescue of the passengers and crew of the steamer Veendam, on February 7. in mid-ocean.

THE Spanish army gazette. Diaro del Ejercito, says that the government of Spain has notified the United States government that the wreck of the Maine must not be destroyed nor removed until the court of inquiry has completed its work and submitted its finding to the government. THE question of who blew up the

Maine is still as much of a mystery as ever at Havana, though no one doubts that it was the act of a treacherous Spaniard, Even the Spanish people themselves believe this, and many a quiet toast is drunk to the unknown thero. THE divers in Havana harbor, on the

28th, recovered Capt, Sigsbee's order of the Red Eagle, given to him by Emperor William I. of Germany in recognition of his ability as an inventor of maritime appliances, and a gold medal given him by the fisheries commission, held in London in 1889.

For the month of February the government receipts were \$28,572,538, and the expenditures, \$25,727,000, leaving a surplus for the month of \$1,845,358. The average daily receipts for the month were \$1,020,447.

THE gold output of the Klondike conntry at the clean-up in June will be be tween \$10,000,000 and \$12,000,000, according to the estimate of A. D. Nash, of Portland, Ore., who has just returned from Dawson.

Georgii, the accomplice of Karditza in the attempted assassination of King George of Greece, was arrested on the 1st. He made a confession in which he claimed to have acted at the instigation of Karditza. Later a bomb was found near the scene of the attack, which Karditza admitted he had intended to throw into the king's car-

A REPORT from Washington says: "A new issue of counterfeit two-dollar treasury notes, discovered by the seeret service some time ago, has made its appearance. This note bears check letter 'B' and plate Number, '28.'

Dr. W. A. Rogers, professor of natural philosophy and astronomy at Colby university, and a scientist of national reputation, died at his residence in Waterville, Me., on the 1st.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

In the senate, on the 2d, an executive session occupied the opening hour. When open session was resumed the pension appropriation bill was presented and agreed to. The Alaskan homestead and railway right-ofway bill was taken up and its consid eration occupied the remainder of the session....In the house, the day was devoted to the further consideration of the Lond bill relating to second class mail matter.

THE British steamer Kensington ar rived at Philadelphia, on the 2d, with the crew of the British barkentine Mis thetoe on board, consisting of the captain and six men, who were rescued from the Mistletoe, on February 21, off the banks of Newfoundiand. The vessel was in a sinking condition. The captain fired the ship before leaving it.

In the executive session of the senate, on the 2d, Senator Hale moved to reconsider the vote by which the nomi nacion of Webster Flannagan to be collector of internal revenue for the third district of Texas had been confirmed. The two senators from Texas although of opposite politics from Mr.

Flannagan, opposed the motion. THE British first-class armored cruiser Australia, 12 guns, 5,000 tons, coastguard ship in Southampton waters, had a narrow escape on the 2d. Two scamen were playing with a fuse in the shell-room when they set fire to some stores. The flames were extinguished by the prompt flooding of the petit larceny. ompartment.

SECRETARY LONG has decided to send two naval vessels to Cuba at once with 40 or 50 tons of provisions for the relief of the suffering reconcentrados. The vessels will go to Matanzas or Sagua, It is said an emergency exists that makes it necessary to dispatch provisions at once in order to succor the

starving. CAPT. J. F. D. DIAMOND, of San Franisco, who will be 102 years old on May 1. is about to start on a pedestrian trip to New York. He helped to build the Eric canal, and was formerly United States quartermaster at St. Louis. He

was never married. A DISPATCH from Rio Janelro, on the 2d, said: "Senor Campossales has been elected president and Senor Rossilvo vice-president of Brazil by a large majority. The opposition in Rio Janeiro abstained from voting. There was no

disorder. It is not believed in London that any cause of war with the United States over the Cuban question.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Recent Deaths.

James W. Thompson, president of the Commercial bank of Shelbina.

Thomas P. Booth, aged 81, for 50 years a prominent resident of St. Joseph, suddenly.

George E. Felver, aged 69, a prominent contractor and builder, suddenly, at his home in Knobnoster. John F. Pugh, editor of the St. Clair

County Republican, died at Osceola, after an illness of several weeks, with pneumonia. He was about 40 years of age, and a native of St. Clair county. Samuel Craig, a sergeant under Gen.

Price in the confederate army, at his home in Mexico, recently, after being confined to his bed three days. He was coal oil inspector for Audrain county. Ex-Judge William C. Ranney, at his farm five miles west of Cape Girardean,

in his eighty-third year, having resided in Cape Girardeau county for 62 years. Mrs. J. B. Kendrick, aged 78, in the southern part of Montgomery county. She celebrated her golden wedding only

a few days before. Mrs. M. Schwer, wife of Postmaster G. W. Schwer, of Windsor, Henry county, of pneumonia.

Michael Maynihan, aged 82, the first marshal of Sturgeon.

Wore Out Four Switches.

J. Christopher Jones, teacher of the Franklin school, DeKalb county, has been adjudged guilty of brutally whipping Julia Martin, aged 16, a pretty daughter of wealthy parents, who is said to have transgressed the rules of the school. Jones is said to have worn out four hickory switches in chastising the young lady, inflicting injuries from which she may not recover. An appeal will be taken.

Secretary of State's Report. Secretary of State Lesueur reports having received and paid into the state treasury during February taxes and fees as follows:

 Tax on domestic corporations
 \$ 7,475 00

 Tax on foreign corporations
 \$ 56 00

 Notaries's public
 526 00

 Bank examination fees
 962 00
| Hank examination rers | 20 00 | | Land department fees | 20 00 | | University endowment fees | 1.007 00 | | Miscellaneous fees | 362 45

By the Eads Bridge Route. A leap from the Eads bridge, St. Louis, to the dark, swirling waters of the Mississippi, ended the earthly woes of Albert A. Henry, a traveling man from Philadelphia. He had been on a debauch of four or five days.

Must Have Consent.

Minors who would enlist in the Missouri militia in the future must have the consent of parent or guardian, The Spanish scare has caused some to plead the "baby net."

Came From Sweden to Re Married. Peter Frank, one of the best-known swedes of central Missouri, was maried, at Sedalia, to Miss Anna S. Hultgreen, who arrived direct from Sweden that afternoon.

A Police Shake-Up.

The St. Louis police department has received a shaking up. Patrolmen have been dismissed, and some have quit, saying they were "going to the Klondike.

Internal Revenue Pald By St. Louis. The entire internal revenue the government received from St. Louis during 1897 was \$7,271,984. Of that amount beer paid the enormous sum of \$2,005.

Aceldentally Shot.

ard Elliot, a prominent citizen of Hermitage, Hickory county, was aceidentally shot in the lower part of the body while visiting near Humansville.

Will Draw the Color Line.

The colored man who desires to besome a member of the St. Louis Merchants' exchange has been advised to withdraw. The color line will be drawn.

Judge Robinson May Resign

It is rumored that, owing to illhealth, Judge Robinson will resign from the supreme court, thus creating another vacancy for the governor to fill,

Alleged Bank Robber.

C. W. Martin, alleged to have partielpated in the robbery of the bank of Sheridan, was arrested in Omaha. Neb., and will be returned to Missouri

Missouri's tobacco manufactures dur-

ing January aggregated 5,000,000 pounds -2,500 tons-which, at 25 tons to the car, would make 100 earloads. Mack Frank Acquitted of Murder,

At Liberty, Clay county, Mack Frank,

who killed W. J. McKarnin with a rock last October, and was charged with murder, was requitted.

From Hydrophobia. Samuel Bowman, aged 35, died near Levick's Mills, Randolph county, a few

days ago. Death was from hydrophobia, it is said.

Charged with Larceny. A St. Louis landlord who took a quilt away from a widow on a bitterly-cold night for a week's rent is charged with

Banks Consolidate.

The Bank of Stanberry, owned by E. Sager & Sons, has been consolidated with the Farmers' and Mechanics' bank of Stanberry.

Fatally Burned.

Mrs. William Macke was fatally burned at Champion City. Franklin county. Her clothing caught fire from a fire-place.

Warner for District Attorney.

Maj. William Warner has been nommated by the president to be United States attorney for the western district of Missouri.

For Killing His Brother. George Feiferlich was found guilty of killing his brother, at St. Louis, a few days ago, and given 99 years in the penitentiary.

Because He Was "Nagged."

Gov. Stephens says that Dr. Coombo resigned the superintendency of the Fulton asylum because he 'nagged.'

MAINE'S BACK BROKEN.

Doubtful If the Wrecked Vessel Can Ever be Raised.

The Vessel's Keel Has Been Found to be Broken in Two, With the Ends Three Feet Apart - Another Evidence

of Outside Force.

NEW YORK, March 3.-A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says: The Maine's back was broken. Latest discoveries made by divers not only support the information printed by the Herald concerning the disclosures of paramount importance made by Ensign Powelson, but convince those in charge of the submarine investigation beyond all doubt that a mine rent the United States battleship asunder, The keel of the ship has been found in two pieces, the nearest ends of which are now separated by a distance of from 21/2 to 3 feet. The sec-

tions are no longer lying in the straight

line, but show the effect of a force

executed from port to starboard.

It is evident from the discovery of the present condition of the keel that the section of the bottom found 29 feet from its natural position was wrenched from the keel by the first explosion and driven upward. The keel itself was forced in the middle and it was broken in two and then collapsed in two sections, which fell in the position in which the divers found them yesterday. Reliable persons familiar with the results of high explosives, and with wrecks above and under water, say that the breaking of the keel as now disclosed could not possibly have been done by an inside explosion alone. In fact, this last discovery of the manner in which the Maine's back was taken together broken. early disclosures, has convinced the men working about the wreck that further investigation as to the manner in which the ship was blown up is perfectly useless, and they consider the question solved beyond doubt.

The court of inquiry will, of course, hear evidence of the wrenching apart of the keel. Divers and officers in charge will testify. Feeling among American naval officers in Havana is that beyond the recovery of the dead remains in the wreck all useful work in connection with the Maine wreck has been done. Letters have been sent from here to representatives and senators in Washington warning them against voting for appropriations for raising the Maine, saving that the work would not only cost millions, but would not add anything to the information regarding the nature of the explosion. A photograph, which was itself evidence of the nature of the explosion, has been taken. It shows the Maine's dog standing on part of the wreekage still above the water. The fact that the plate upon which the dog stands came from the keel of the ship, and was the lowest part of the tremendous mass of material thrown upward and starboard, supports naval committee, of which Mr. Bouthe theory that the explosion was that | telle is chairman, has already decided of a mine, and not a torpedo, as the latter would not have gone so far be neath the water line.

CRITICISED FROM WITHIN.

ipain Foreibly Arraigned by Cardinal Cascajaras of Valladolid.

London, March 3 .- Cardinal Cascajaras, archbishop of Valladolid, has is- but it made no reference to the Maine sued a pastoral which creates the greateast sensation in Spain, so much so, indeed, that all telegrams addressed to that is being shipped from Cuba to provincial and foreign papers, giving United States ports, thus giving eviextracts from this pastoral have been suppressed by censorship.

Cardinal Cascajares begins by declaring that immorality of the administration and the lack of justice in Cuba gave the Cubans a pretext for rebelling. Heafterwards censures in the strongest terms the neglect with which the Spanish soldiers in Cuba have been treated, so that the mortality among them has been horrible.

He hints, without naming Weyler, that the immorality of Weyler's administration and his rapacity have been the probable cause of the death of thousands of soldiers. Cardinal Casenjares

"The dendly colonia! war takes away, without glory, the flower of our youth. We are seriously menaced with international complications, and with a war that may prove still more disastrous, "Our finances are ruined, our police doubtful and vacillating, our commerce

in ruins, our industry expiring, our agriculture anaemie. "Our people, having spent its energies its blood, its money in useless battle, and having lost confidence in governments, shows that indifference which

may burst out in a terrible explosion of anger and in lignation when least expected." In other paragraphs Cardinal Casca-

jares says: "Everyone acknowledges the actual situation is more critical than any Spain has traversed during the present generation. It can only be compared with the period which preceded the French invasion. All people acknowledge that a storm roars outside while a volcano groans underfoot.

"Money spent in the follies of earnival ought to have been spent in food and medicines for our poor soldiers, and in building warships which might enforce abroad full respect to our banner and interests.

MISSISSIPPI LYNCHING.

Fred Moore, Murderer of Tom Anderson Lynched at Senatobia, Miss.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 3.-Fred Moore, the murderer of Tom Anderson was taken from the county jail at Senatobia, Miss., at 2:30 a. m., and shot

to death by a mob. Anderson and Moore had quarreled about some trivial matter. Moore followed his man and shot him five times, afterwards placing the body on the railroad track to hide the crime. There were several witnesses, however, and grom Moore was behind the bars.

WAR SHIPS FOR CUBA.

Two of Them to Go On a Mission of Mercy -Will Carry Food to the Starving-Re lations Between Secretary Long and the Naval Committee Not Strained-Telegram from Consul-General Lee-Naval News.

Washington, March 2.- The decision of the navy department to send two ships to Cuba with supplies for the suffering reconcentradoes caused some commotion in official circles vesterday until the real purport of the visit of the ships came out. The cruiser Montgomery and the gunboat Nashville were selected for the purpose, and orders were sent to Admiral Sicard to put them in shape for the required service.

It is explained at the navy department that this action was taken at the instance of the Cuban Relief association. organized through the efforts of the state department for the relief of the destitute noncombatants in Cuba. It was represented to the department that great distress prevails among the people in the vicinity of Sagua la Grande and Matanzas, on the northern coast of the island, and that considerable difficulty is experienced in sending supplies there because of the infrequent visits of merchant ships.

On this account, and because of the immediate demand for supplies at the points indicated, the officers of the association requested the secretary of the navy to authorize the use of one or more of the war ships at Key West in the transportation there of food supplies contributed by the charitable people of the United States in response to the appeals of President McKinley and Secretary Sherman. Secretary Long conferred with the president on the subject and it was decided to com-

ply with the request. The Montgomery and the Nashville were selected as most suitable for the service, and the necessary orders were dispatched to Admiral Sicard, The Montgomery will go to Matanzas and the Nashville to Sagna la Grando, with the understanding that they will remain in those ports only long enough to deliver the supplies to the agents of the association for distribution where they will do the most good.

Although the mission assigned to the war ships will take both within a short. distance of Havana, estimated at from two to four hours, it is stated that neither vessel will visit the Cuban capital.

To remove the impression that had gotten abroad to the effect that the relations between the navy department and the house naval committee were not harmonious, Secretary Long yesterday afternoon gave out a short statement on the subject. He said Congressman Boutelle had been misunderstood. The congressman, who is one of the most patriotic men in the world, is always ready to do everything that can be done for the navy.

"In his annual report the secretary ecommended that 1,500 men be added to the enlisted force on account of the increase in the number of ships. The to grant this increase in the regular naval appropriation bill. Meanwhile, if there should be any immediate necessity for more men the same committee and Mr. Boutelle as its chairman, are ready to make provision to. that effect at once."

A cablegram came from Gen. Lee during the day to the state department, affair, being devoted to the statement of the amount of tobacco dence of the actual removal of the export prohibition decree. The telegram was as follows:

Filler tobacco, February 28, 72 Tampa, 22 Key West, 581 Chicago, 40 Milwaugee; 28th, 28t

New York. Capt. Chester, commanding the south. Atlantic station, was also heard from, his cablegram relating to the docking of the gunboat Castine at Port of France. The department has sent him the necessary authorization and the ship will go into dry dock there.

A commander for the monitor Miantonomah, which was ordered into commission Tuesday, was selected in the person of Capt. Mortimer Johnson, who is at present on waiting orders. Secretary Long says that the Miantonomah, with the ram Katahdin will remain in the Delawace for the present at least. With the commissioning of these two vessels, there remain only the cruisers Columbia and Minneapolis on the Atlantie coast for immediate service in case the department should decide to commission more ships. The Atlanta, at New York, could be made ready in the course of three or four months, and the frequently precedes despair, and which Chicago in six months, in case emergency orders for their repair were issned. There are a number of good ships on the Pacific coast, however, whose repair is under way, such as the Charleston, the Philadelphia, the Yorktown and others, and the pay rolls of the construction bureau at the Mare Island navy yard now aggregate \$60,-600 per month for wages alone.

The navigation bureau is still busy with the preparation of the death certificates for the families of the victims of the Maine disaster. Capt. Hawley, who has the matter immediately in charge, says that owing to the necessary formalities these certifiates cannot be issued before March 15, and this answer is returned to numerous. letters received at the department.

It is said in the navigation bureau that there is a pressing need of able machinists for the navy, caused by the heretofore unnoted fact that every one of the machinists on the Maine lost, his life in the explosion. Moreover, all the firemen but one were killed. The bureau has invited enlistments from men who have had naval service before in the engine rooms, and, as it is said that a number of these men are now enjoying three months' period of time between enlistments during which they may come again into the naval service without loss of service record, it is hoped that some of them will come. forward to fill the vacate places-